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SMITH county has seventy schools in operation.

The Russian Minister Barker, is on a leave of absence at Washington.

LARGE droves of horses and cattle are being driven North from Wilson county.

The Michigan Legislature is going to pass a law prohibiting the marriage of first cousins.

Gen. Phil Sheridan is now at Washington, consulting the President regarding the Indians.

NINETEEN families from Pennsylvania and New York are said to be en route for San Saba county, Texas.

The survivors of Hood's Texas Brigade will hold their annual reunion at Waco on the 27th day of June next.

Edward McPherson, formerly clerk of the House, becomes Superintendent of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

MONTAGUE county is to have a \$50,000 courthouse, and a tax of 50 cents on the one hundred dollars has been levied therefor.

There is 1825 Grangers in Texas and 1,800,000 in the United States. The Texas State Grange has in its treasury \$18,600.

This cotton crop of 1876-7 is estimated in round numbers, at 4,400,000 bales. The crop will hardly exceed these figures if it indeed reaches them.

The Chicago Times ironically remarks: "Evidently this man Hayes has no friends. A month in the White House and no one has sent him even a bull pup."

There is now a strong probability that the branch agricultural college for colored youths will be located at Alta Vista, near Hempstead.

SHERIFF Holmes, of Trinity county, in attempting to arrest a desperado named McGee, was shot and killed. McGee is still in the county but officers are powerless to effect his arrest. Shameful.

The prosecution of ex-secretary Robeson, for alleged misappropriation of the funds of the navy department, will be a leading feature of the Democratic policy in the forthcoming session of Congress.

A dispatch from Uvalde to the San Antonio Herald of the 24th instant, states that Indians stampeded Poe's herd last night and got fourteen horses. On April 23rd eight men were killed. Indians are plentiful.

Is the county court this morning, says the San Antonio Herald, a guardian was appointed for a confirmed drunkard. One of the witnesses testified that he, the inebriate, had squandered for liquor and hack hire alone \$1000 in three weeks.

The Russo-Russian war is an established fact. The dispatches report a two days fight on the Asiatic frontier, at Tschirakson, and that at the end of the second days fighting at Batoven, the Turks, who sheltered, inflicted considerable loss on the Russians, who were unable to advance.

BLAINE threatens Hayes with the publication of a private letter received by him from the then Governor and now President. Well, let him publish the letter. That even, foul and ungentlemanly as it would be, would be less reprehensible than making vague hints at its contents. We are no lover of Hayes, but we do like to see fair play, even among enemies.

FESTIVITIES OF THE DAY.

BRENNHAM VOLKSFEST.

GRAND GALA DAY.

Every Body Participating.

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

Yesterday morning was ushered in by the firing of artillery. The sun rose clear, promising a beautiful day for indulging in the festivities of the Volksfest.

The procession was formed on Main street opposite H. Bloom-bargh's. At ten o'clock it moved, headed by a large four horse wagon, tastefully decorated, containing the Washington County Brass Band. The horses were elegantly caparisoned. Second came carriages containing the speakers. Third, buggies with Mayor and City Officials. Fourth, Queen of the Fest and her maids of honor. Fifth, decorated wagon, containing a number of ladies, enchantingly arrayed. Sixth, public schools, headed by their teachers. Seventh, Brenham Brass Band. Eighth, Hook and Ladder company in full uniform, truck drawn by a male. Ninth, Austin County Brass Band. Tenth, Military Company. Eleventh, Local option wagon, handsomely decorated by Messrs. Kladden and Hoddie. Twelfth, citizens on horseback. Thirteenth, Singer Sewing Machine Wagon, appropriately decorated. Fourteenth, a Whitewater Wagon, neatly decorated; and lastly an immense number of citizens on horseback, buggies, carriages and wagons.

The donkey and the clown came in for a fair share of observation, for the part they performed in the procession, contributing much to the merriment of all the juveniles, and even children of full growth, not to say venerable, "grave and reverend señores."

The procession was considerably more than a mile in length, and moved along the following streets to the old Fair Grounds.

Down Main street to Vulcan street, Vulcan to Sandy, Sandy to Market, Market to Main, Main to North street, North to Sandy, Sandy to Abbott's corner, and thence to the fair grounds.

The procession moved in fine order—the Marshals of the day discharged their duty most effectively. Throughout the entire march, the utmost harmony prevailed.

ON THE GROUNDS.

The reception of the Queen at the grounds, was grand and imposing, and the ballad sung in German, was most beautifully rendered. King William and suit were received with becoming honors, and a German song, breathing patriotic sentiments.

A handsome bouquet was presented by the Brenham Hook and Ladder Company, to the Queen of the Fest, Miss Bettie Engelke. The presentation was made by Mr. Eddie Lockett, a member of the Company, accompanied by an appropriate speech, which was responded to right royally by the fair and blushing Queen, whose sceptre was swayed over loyal subjects.

The bands discoursed splendid music. "The day of the Creator" was a superb piece of music.

The German oration by Carl Schutze abounded in happy hits on the follies of the day. He gave local option some heavy tilts, which were heartily cheered, especially by our German fellow citizens. Mr. Schutze was warmly congratulated by his many friends on the success of his speech.

The English oration was delivered by our distinguished townsman C. R. Breedlove, Esq., in his most felicitous vein. On this occasion Mr. Breedlove seemed to surpass himself, his

speech being interlarded by anecdotes suitable to the day and the occasion.

The sports and athletic exercises were indulged in with a will which plainly demonstrated that the hearts of the actors were in the pastimes and sports. The day was beautiful, and was one of unalloyed enjoyment to thousands and thousands of our own citizens, as well as to visiting friends in attendance from a distance.

SECOND DAY.

The Washington County Brass Band discoursed lively airs on the streets of the city yesterday, for an hour or more before assembling at the grounds. The band in its winding through the principal streets, was followed by Emperor William and his cortege, mounted on splendid horses, caparisoned as befitting the mimic royal suit. This cavalcade attracted much attention, and presented an imposing appearance.

The day was beautiful, and the amusements on the grounds were endless in variety. The attendance was even greater than on the preceding day. They came from every quarter, and every mode of conveyance seemed to be utilized to accommodate the immense throngs of visitors, more intent on seeing than in being seen.

Every style of toilet was visible among the ladies, from the plain and simple, but still neat, to the grand, elaborate and gorgeous.

At about 3 o'clock an able oration was delivered to an attentive and delighted audience, by Professor Rote. This was followed by declamations by a number of the students in our schools.

The grounds were in excellent condition for enjoying the pleasure of a quiet promenade, and indulging in the pleasures arising from agreeable chit chat. We noticed many couples devoting themselves to this halcyon pastime. In future years it is not impossible that many couples will remember this Fest as an important era in their lives, the one from which they may date their first rosy dreams of unalloyed felicity.

The awards for athletic exercises were too late for this issue of the BANNER. In future numbers, when all the awards are made, we will give them, and such other items connected with the festivity, as may be deemed of interest to our readers.

The occasion has been one of pleasure to all who attended, without regard to nationality. In the future, the Americans will look forward to this annual festival with as much interest as will the Germans and their descendants. It is a fact, acknowledged by a large number of American writers, that we need a strong infusion of holiday sports into our customs.

The expression of expectation more than realized, was made by numbers of visitors. Austin county was more largely represented than any of the rest of our sisters. These visitors were glad to know, expressed themselves fully satisfied with the amusements. Indeed they could not be otherwise than pleased, unless they were unusually hard to gratify. We shall look forward to the next annual festival with more than customary interest.

European intelligence leaves little ground on which the friends of peace can base even a faint hope of much longer preserving a peaceful attitude.

It is believed by the wisest statesmen that a general conflict cannot be averted. God help the people! War, with all its inseparable evils, is the worst calamity that ever visited this sin-cursed earth.

Protection fire company No. 1, of Houston, is said to be the oldest in the State, having been organized and chartered in November, 1836.

FOR SOUTHERN FARMERS.

There is an article in a recent number of the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, directed to this class of its readers. We wish we had room for the entire article, without any attempt at condensation.

The great powers in Europe are almost certain to become involved in the war between Russia and Turkey, and when it will end, is one of the things on which no man can hazard an opinion. But let it last long, or be a brief contest, it is certain to derange the business of all the world. Already it has run grain up in this country sixty cents a bushel. Great Britain takes from Russia, annually 60,000,000 bushels. This supply is certain to be cut off from her, even if she should avoid being a belligerent, but belligerent she is almost certain to be in some shape, before it closes. She must get these 60,000,000 bushels of wheat from some source, and that source will be the United States.

Cotton is certain to come down lower than it is, and it is equally certain that provisions of every name will go up. Under all the circumstances, it is not too late for cotton planters to increase their corn crop and diminish their cotton. With barns and smoke-houses well filled, the low prices of cotton will not be so calamitous. But with these empty, or next door to it, the low price of cotton can be little less than disastrous to a large number of our planting friends, and we beseech them to take a sensible view of the situation, and reflect on what may be their best interests to pursue under the circumstances.

The danger is a very plain one. A moment's reflection will show it. It can hardly be overestimated. The remedy is in the hands of the farmers. It is not too late yet, especially in the northern portion of our State, to apply it. Even here, in Washington county, particularly where the grasshoppers have eaten the cotton, corn may yet be substituted.

Bishop Gregg is engaged in spring visitations to the churches. Last Sunday he preached at Bellville, administered the sacrament and the rite of confirmation. His sermon, though evincing the erudition of its learned author, was delivered in a style and manner which rendered it sublime from its very simplicity. Bishop Gregg is greatly beloved by the numbers of his diocese. We never heard him but once, yet thought he deserved the veneration in which he is held. His manner is as simple and unaffected as that of a child. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Rucker of this city, who is rector of the church at Bellville.

The Galveston News of the 27th inst., contains an editorial two-thirds of a column in length, ventilating the opinions of one of R. Burns, under the caption of "A Texas Republican's Soothing Theory of the President's Southern Policy."

Now, when we take into consideration the fact that Burns is a Republican of no influence whatever with his party, or any one else, it becomes astonishingly strange that the News should attach so much importance to such small game.

Major Jones, of the frontier Battalion, states that most of the Indians now stealing stock on the frontier are Caucasian red-skins, i. e. white men disguised as Indians. A posse of this stripe has been captured by the Major and the stolen stock recovered. He denies the reported Indian depredations.

Gen. Escondido, now visiting San Antonio, is the same identical villain who officiated at the execution of the ex-Emperor, Maximilian; and, who, if he had his just dues, would have long since suffered the death penalty upon the gallows.

RIDDLE.

I'm round and smooth, as a rubber ball,
I'm sometimes large and sometimes small.
I'm sometimes blue, and sometimes gray
I sometimes use the five long day.
I'm sometimes black, and then I'm brown,
But highly prized by every one.
I'm never white, but sometimes red,
And never cold, until I'm dead.

AN ENIGMA.

My first is in friendship, peace, and love,
My second you'll find in courts above,
In affliction and suffering you find my third,
And my fourth is in honor upon my word.
My fifth and sixth are in innocence found,
And my seventh in gliee the whole year round.
My eighth, as a matter of course is in joy,
And my whole is a lively Irish boy,
Who lives to "raz," but wants to marry.
And the girls all wonder what makes him tarry.

A National Bank has been established at Fort Worth, Texas.

THE Mai-fest comes off at Galveston on the 7th and 8th of May.

MILK and lime water is recommended as a sure cure for dyspepsia.

BUFFALO meat is abundant and cheap in the counties of north-western Texas.

JUDGE J. E. KING has been appointed collector of the port of New Orleans.

TWEED has received from the New York Herald, the appellation of "William the Confessor."

WATER works and a mammoth hotel are now the all absorbing topics with the denizens of the Alamo city.

One lot of buffalo hides weighing 17,000 pounds were bought by W. H. Wilson, of Comanche, last week.

It is now thought that the Democracy will be enabled to control the next United States Senate upon a solid vote.

LIFE insurance companies are going to the "how wows" at so rapid a rate in the East, that they are in a fair way of becoming extinct.

The Spanish Governor of Cuba has issued a pronouncement, showing no quarter or mercy to insurgents found upon the Island after the 7th of May.

PERSONAL.—Elder W. Dabney and Elder G. W. Harvey of Kentucky Ridge, were in the city yesterday. They both look well, as if their clerical labor agreed with them, and we doubt not it benefits others.

Dr. John W. Reynolds, a well known dentist of Sherman, was run over by an engine on the M. K. & T. road at Sherman and killed. He leaves a wife and two children. Too much liquor was the cause.

The Ohio Legislature has passed a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the State, abolishing grand juries and providing for direct action by the courts on information filed by prosecuting attorneys.

The San Antonio Herald very truthfully remarks that American exports \$500,000 worth of raw material annually, which if kept at home, could be made worth at double that sum to this country, in money, besides giving to the operatives who manufacture it a good living and occupation.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is expected to be in Galveston in a few days. He will probably make a very complete tour of the State, and no man was ever received by warmer hearts than he will be. He was the idol of all who had the fortune of serving under his command. We trust he will visit Brenham.

"SEVERAL cases of illicit handling of cattle have been investigated in Esq. Brown's court this week," is the polite way the Lampasas Dispatch puts it. In our rough style down in this section, the same thing is called cow stealing. The Dispatch man is cautious about what he says of his patrons.

COLE's circus exhibits at Dallas on the 10th of May.

BRYAN is discussing the advantage of graded free schools.

TOM COLLINS—the veritable Tom—has been found at last. He is an Alderman of Galveston.

As a rule the largest women have the smallest babies and make the most fuss over them.

A Connecticut girl has sued a young man for sixty dollars' worth of light and fuel wasted in inconclusive courtship.

Bravo for the Indiana Legislature. It has passed a bill prohibiting the changing of text books in the public schools of that State often than once in six years. This one wise measure is alone sufficient to immortalize that body.

MURDER WILL OUT.

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Estray Notice.

Taken up by J. S. Lunderdale, and estrayed before T. O. Hines, J. P. Precinct No. 8, Washington county, on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1877, two horses described as follows, to-wit: One a bay horse about ten years, branded (55) on the left shoulder, and about 15 and 12 hands high; The other a sorrel with a star in his face and about ten years old, about 13 hands high, has been advertised (10) for his brand, but it is so blurred that the brand is not readable, but looks like E. P. Both valued at \$45.00. apr 24

Taken up by P. H. Barnhill, and estrayed before T. O. Hines, J. P. W. C. on the 12th day of March, 1877, one brown and white pinto, marked crop and under half crop in each ear, and upper bit in the right, branded JF in a circle, the JF connected on the lip. One Cow, brown and white pinto, marked with a cross in each ear, branded on the hip but not read, with a call red and white. All appraised at \$25. ap 13

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